# Michigan Department of Treasury 496 (02/06) Auditing Procedures Report

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1. All required component units/funds/agencies of the local unit are included in the financial statements and/or disclosed in the reporting entity notes to the financial statements as necessary.									ments and/or disclosed in the	
2.								unit's unreserved func budget for expenditur		stricted net assets
3.			The local	unit is in o	compliance with	the Unifo	orm Chart of	Accounts issued by th	e Department o	f Treasury.
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7.			The local	unit has n	not been delinqu	uent in dis	tributing tax ı	evenues that were co	ollected for anoth	ner taxing unit.
8.			The local	unit only l	nolds deposits/i	nvestmen	ts that compl	y with statutory requir	rements.	
9.	9. The local unit has no illegal or unauthorized expenditures that came to our attention as defined in the <i>Bulletin for Audits of Local Units of Government in Michigan</i> , as revised (see Appendix H of Bulletin).								d in the <i>Bulletin for</i>	
10.			that have	not been	previously com	municated	d to the Local		ivision (LAFD).	uring the course of our audit If there is such activity that has
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Financial Report
with Supplemental Information
June 30, 2007

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#### Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors
Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority as of June 30, 2007 and for the year then ended, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these basic financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the basic financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority as of June 30, 2007 and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management's discussion and analysis (identified in the table of contents) is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplemental information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management, regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the management's discussion and analysis. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

The accompanying required supplemental information and other supplemental information, as listed in the table of contents, are not required parts of the basic financial statements. The required supplemental information is information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board; the other supplemental information is presented for the purpose of additional analysis. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements of Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority. The required supplemental information and other supplemental information have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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### **Management's Discussion and Analysis**

Our discussion and analysis of Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority's (the "Authority" or "CWCSA") financial performance provides an overview of the Authority's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007. Please read it in conjunction with the Authority's financial statements.

#### **Using this Annual Report**

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The statement of net assets and the statement of activities provide information about the activities of the Authority as a whole and present a longer-term view of the Authority's finances. This longer-term view uses the accrual basis of accounting so that it can measure the cost of providing services during the current year, and whether the member communities have funded the full cost of providing services.

The fund financial statements present a short-term view; they tell us how the resources were spent during the year, as well as how much is available for future spending. Fund financial statements also report the Authority's operations in more detail than the government-wide financial statements by providing information about the Authority's individual funds.

#### **Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority as a Whole**

The following table shows, in a condensed format, the net assets as of June 30, 2007 compared to the net assets as of June 30, 2006 (amounts in thousands). This is the third year of implementation of GASB No. 34.

	\$ 3,821			2006
Assets				_
Current assets	\$	3,821	\$	3,566
Noncurrent assets		972		1,309
Total assets		4,793		4,875
Liabilities				
Current liabilities		127		2,318
Noncurrent liabilities		3,198		3,753
Total liabilities		3,325		6,071
Net Assets (Deficit)				
Invested in capital assets - Net of related debt		511		(1,652)
Restricted		87		440
Unrestricted		870		16
Total net assets (deficit)	<u>\$</u>	1,468	\$	(1,196)

### **Management's Discussion and Analysis (Continued)**

The Authority's combined net assets increased by approximately \$2,660,000 due to several factors related to the change in operations during prior years and due to the change in estimated closure and postclosure care cost liability (see Note 12). Operating revenues exceeded operating expenses by approximately \$1,930,000.

The following table shows the changes in the net assets during the current year and as compared to the prior year (in thousands of dollars):

	Year Ended June 30					
			2006			
Revenue						
Disposal fees	\$	5,087	\$	5,398		
Interest income		210		247		
Other operations		17		28		
Total revenue		5,314		5,673		
Expenditures						
Operations		528		633		
Monofill		205		217		
Disposal costs:						
Solid waste		1,876		1,976		
Compost		552		706		
Debt service		96		238		
Capital outlay		-		50		
Recycling		105		78		
Other		21		29		
Depreciation		<u> </u>		1		
Total expenditures		3,384		3,928		
Excess of Revenue Over Expenditures		1,930		1,745		
Extraordinary Items						
Monofill closure and postclosure costs		734		1,422		
Environmental claim settlement		_		200		
Plant demolition expenditures				(317)		
Total extraordinary items		734		1,305		
Change in Net Assets	<u>\$</u>	2,664	\$	3,050		

### **Management's Discussion and Analysis (Continued)**

#### **Governmental Activities**

The Authority's operating revenue decreased approximately \$359,000, due primarily to a reduction in disposal rates and administration fees. The Authority's total expenditures decreased approximately \$544,000 due to changes in operations and reduction in tonnage of waste.

#### **General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

Over the course of the year, the Authority amended the budget to take into account events during the year. Overall, the Authority stayed below budget.

### **Capital Assets and Debt Administration**

At the end of 2007, the Authority had approximately \$585,000 invested in land and equipment prior to the accumulation of depreciation.

Bonded debt was reduced by \$2,000,000, eliminating the debt. Monofill closure and postclosure care costs were reduced by \$734,402 during the year.

More detailed information concerning capital assets and long-term debt can be found in Notes 4 and 6, respectively.

### **Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates**

#### Major Change in Direction for CWCSA

In 1964, the Authority implemented the burning of solid waste as a means of reducing the volume of solid waste produced by the five-member cities that needed to be placed in a landfill. The resulting ash was placed in the monofill. The Authority member cities concluded that this was the best direction for the disposal of solid waste in an environmentally safe manner. This approach was continued until 1998. At that time, the operation of the incinerator was changed dramatically with the reconstruction of the facility into a waste to energy (WTE) plant by a private partnership (Central Wayne Energy Recovery Limited Partnership, or CWERLP). This introduced the second approach of producing electric power from the burning of solid waste. Even though WTE was a dramatic change, the direction was still the same.

However, with the closure of the WTE plant in September 2003, the result was a significant change in direction. Solid waste was transported to Woodland Meadows, a landfill operated by Waste Management Michigan (WMM). This was originally a temporary measure. In December 2003, CWERLP filed for bankruptcy. The ultimate approval of the purchase offer submitted by WMM to purchase both the CWERLP and CWCSA assets at the WTE plant in June 2004 confirmed this change in direction.

### **Management's Discussion and Analysis (Continued)**

The result of this was that for the first time in over five years, the Authority was able to reduce tipping fee rates. The new rates went from \$63/ton to \$49/ton beginning with fiscal year 2004-2005 beginning July 1, 2004. The board approved further reductions in tonnage rates effective July 1, 2005 to \$46/ton, effective July 1, 2006 to \$43/ton, and effective July 1, 2007 to \$28/ton.

CWCSA received a \$4 million payment from WMM during fiscal year 2003-2004 as part of the new 20-year agreement. The salvageable equipment was sold primarily through an on-line auction in December 2004. Net proceeds totaling \$528,290 were deposited with WMM to be applied to the demolition costs. Another \$38,525 was received from equipment directly sold by CWCSA. Therefore, a total of \$566,815 from equipment sales was available for payment on the demolition costs.

In addition, WMM paid \$4 million to acquire the assets of CWERLP through the bankruptcy proceedings. In this agreement, \$500,000 was set aside in an escrow fund. WMM filed a claim against this amount for environmental cleanup at the WTE plant. A settlement was agreed to by the various parties and approved by the Federal Bankruptcy Court. The settlement in the amount of \$200,000, less \$6,765 for WMM's expenses, was also available to apply against the demolition costs. Therefore, the net WTE plant demolition cost to CWCSA totaled \$789,046.

The contract for demolition was awarded by WMM early in 2005. The contractor started work on February 16, 2005 and completed the project by September 2005. Due to the amount of expected net expenditure for demolition, the CWCSA board amended the fiscal year 2004/2005 budget in February 2005. As part of this amendment, the board reduced the budgeted WTE demolition cost from \$4 million to \$2 million. The actual cost was \$1,595,861. Applying the equipment sale and environmental settlement costs toward the demolition resulted in a net cost of \$789,046 to CWCSA.

The closure process of the monofill began with the movement of ash in November 2004. This was completed by June 2005. The final closure and capping of the monofill was completed by November 2005. MDEQ approved the closure documents, declaring the monofill closed as of December 2005.

There will be a continued need to maintain the monofill for a minimum of 28 more years as required by state law. This will be at a significantly lower annual cost than the prior annual operating cost at the monofill.

Due to the savings on the demolition of the WTE plant and closure of the monofill, the CWCSA board approved using current resources to offset the administration portion of the charges to the member communities for the last four months of the 2005-2006 fiscal year.

### **Management's Discussion and Analysis (Continued)**

This effectively further reduced the tipping fee charged. The five cities were not billed anything for administration for this four-month period of time.

One should note that the Authority has no remaining debt on the WTE plant or the land upon which it is located. The last remaining debt of CWCSA was on the monofill. The total debt was paid in full by June 30, 2007.

The Authority board and staff have taken a very aggressive approach to resolving the challenges faced by CWCSA. These challenges have been resolved in a fiscally and cost-effective manner by the agreements put into place between CWCSA and WMM. The result is expected to be a stable means of solid waste disposal for the next 17 years on a financial basis that will be beneficial to both CWCSA and WMM. The contract began in June 2004 (a 20-year agreement).

The two major goals of demolition of the WTE facility/restoration of the property and the permanent closure of the monofill were completed in fiscal year 2005-2006. The two major goals for fiscal year 2007-2008 is to complete the sale of the land at the WTE plant location as started with a sales agreement with a development group in January 2007. Another step in the effort to further reduce expenses at the monofill has begun with the development of a simplified wastewater treatment plan. This will allow the Authority to pursue the goal to sell or lease the property.

CWCSA is in a strong fiscal condition. Further steps will be taken to ensure this continuation as our member cities continue to work together to dispose of solid waste during the coming years.

### **Contacting the Authority's Management**

This financial report is intended to provide our citizens, member communities, and investors with a general overview of the Authority's finances and show the Authority's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional information, we welcome you to contact the executive director at 734-722-9980, ext. I2 or cwcsaexec@sbcglobal.net.

### Governmental Fund Balance Sheet/Statement of Net Assets June 30, 2007

	Governmental Fund Types									
	Capital							Statement of Net		
	General Fund Projects Fund Adjustments				Assets					
Assets										
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 3)	\$	1,337,997	\$	1,752,736	\$	-	\$	3,090,733		
Accounts receivable:										
Constituent communities		714,538		-				714,538		
Other		7,514		8,117		-		15,631		
Restricted assets (Note 7)		461,038		-		-		461,038		
Nondepreciable capital assets (Note 4)		-		=		509,904		509,904		
Depreciable capital assets - Net (Note 4)		=				1,422		1,422		
Total assets	\$	2,521,087	\$	1,760,853	\$	511,326	\$	4,793,266		
Liabilities and Fund Balance/										
Net Assets										
Liabilities										
Accounts payable	\$	103,959	\$	13,899	\$	-	\$	117,858		
Accrued and other liabilities		8,843		-		-		8,843		
Payable from restricted assets - Due to										
Perpetual Care Fund		373,538		-		-		373,538		
Noncurrent liabilities - Monofill postclosure										
costs (Note 6)			_			2,824,624		2,824,624		
Total liabilities		486,340		13,899		2,824,624		3,324,863		
Fund Balance/Net Assets										
Invested in capital assets		-		-		511,326		511,326		
Fund balances/Net assets:										
Reserved/Restricted		87,500		_		_		87,500		
Unreserved/Unrestricted	_	1,947,247		1,746,954	_	(2,824,624)		869,577		
Total fund equity/net assets	_	2,034,747		1,746,954		(2,313,298)		1,468,403		
Total liabilities and fund equity/	_	·								
net assets	<b>\$</b>	2,521,087	\$	1,760,853	\$	511,326	\$	4,793,266		

# Statement of Governmental Fund Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance/Statement of Activities Year Ended June 30, 2007

	Governmenta			
		Capital		Statement of
	General Fund	Projects Fund	Adjustments	Activities
Revenue				
Disposal fees	\$ 5,086,908	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,086,908
Interest income	125,757	84,373	Ψ -	210,130
Other operations	16,907	-	-	16,907
Total revenue	5,229,572	84,373	-	5,313,945
Expenditures				
Operations	527,987	_	-	527,987
Monofill	121,455	83,577	-	205,032
Disposal costs:				
Solid waste	1,875,923	-	-	1,875,923
Compost	552,437	-	-	552,437
Debt service	2,095,975	-	(2,000,000)	95,975
Recycling	=	105,535	-	105,535
Other	-	20,839	-	20,839
Depreciation	<del>-</del>	<del>-</del>	710	710
Total expenditures	5,173,777	209,951	(1,999,290)	3,384,438
Excess of Revenue Over (Under)		(122)		
Expenditures	55,795	(125,578)	1,999,290	1,929,507
Other Financing Sources (Uses)		471 422		471 (22
Operating transfers in	- (471 (22)	471,633	-	471,633
Operating transfers out	(471,633)		<del>-</del>	(471,633)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(471,633)	471,633	_	-
Extraordinary Item - Monofill closure and postclosure costs (Note 12)	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	734,402	734,402
Net Change in Fund Balances/Net				
Assets	(415,838)	346,055	2,733,692	2,663,909
Fund Balances/Net Assets - Beginning of year	2,450,585	1,400,899	(5,046,990)	(1,195,506)
Fund Balances/Net Assets - End of year	\$ 2,034,747	\$ 1,746,954	\$ (2,313,298)	\$ 1,468,403

# Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 2007

### **Note I - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority (the "Authority") provides household refuse disposal services primarily for the benefit of member municipalities in Wayne County, Michigan. These member municipalities are the cities of Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Wayne, and Westland.

The accounting policies of the Authority conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applicable to governmental units. The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies:

**Reporting Entity** - The Authority is governed by a board consisting of one representative from each of the five member communities. In accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, there are no component units to be included in these financial statements.

**Basis of Accounting** - The government-wide full accrual financial statements (the statement of net assets and the statement of activities) are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. For the purpose of the government-wide financial statements, the Authority reports a liability for outstanding bonds and monofill closure and postclosure care costs, which will be funded through future revenue from the member municipalities.

Governmental funds financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they become susceptible to accrual - that is, when they become both measurable and available. Revenue is considered to be available if it is collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period, generally collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures are generally recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting.

The Authority reports the following major governmental funds:

**General Fund** - The General Fund contains the records of the ordinary activities of the Authority that are not accounted for in another fund. General Fund activities are financed by revenue from refuse disposal fees.

**Capital Projects Fund** - The Capital Projects Fund is used to account for expenditures financed by bond issues and by the board-designated Improvement Fund.

# Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 2007

### Note I - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

**Cash and Cash Equivalents** - Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with a maturity of three months or less when acquired.

**Investments** - Investments are recorded at fair value, based on quoted market prices, with the exception of money market instruments with a maturity of one year or less at time of purchase, which are recorded at cost.

**Receivables and Payables** - In general, outstanding balances between funds are reported as "due to/due from other funds." All receivables are shown as net of an allowance for uncollectible amounts.

**Fund Equity** - In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

**Use of Estimates** - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Other accounting policies are disclosed in other notes to the financial statements.

#### **Note 2 - Budgetary Information**

**Budgetary Information** - Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for the General Fund and Capital Projects Fund. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year end. The board approves the original budget prior to the beginning of the fiscal year. The board reviews budget-to-actual information throughout the year and approves amendments as deemed necessary. The budget is adopted on a fund-total basis.

The budget document presents information by fund and function. The legal level of budgetary control adopted by the Authority is the fund level.

# Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 2007

### **Note 2 - Budgetary Information (Continued)**

A comparison of actual results of operations to the budgets as adopted by the board is included in the required supplemental information for the General Fund and in the other supplemental information for the Capital Projects Fund.

**Excess of Expenditures Over Appropriations in Budgeted Funds** - The Authority did not have significant expenditure budget variances.

### **Note 3 - Deposits and Investments**

Michigan Compiled Laws Section 129.91 (Public Act 20 of 1943, as amended) authorizes local governmental units to make deposits and invest in the accounts of federally insured banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations that have offices in Michigan. The local unit is allowed to invest in bonds, securities, and other direct obligations of the United States or any agency or instrumentality of the United States; repurchase agreements; bankers' acceptances of United States banks; commercial paper rated within the two highest classifications, which matures not more than 270 days after the date of purchase; obligations of the State of Michigan or its political subdivisions, which are rated as investment grade; and mutual funds composed of investment vehicles that are legal for direct investment by local units of government in Michigan.

The Authority has designated three banks for the deposit of its funds. The investment policy adopted by the board in accordance with Public Act 196 of 1997 has authorized investment in instruments approved by the state statutory authority as listed above.

The Authority's cash and investments are subject to several types of risk, which are examined in more detail below:

Custodial Credit Risk of Bank Deposits - Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Authority's deposits may not be returned to it. The Authority does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. At year end, the Authority had \$874,768 of bank deposits (certificates of deposit, checking, and savings accounts) that were uninsured and uncollateralized. The Authority believes that due to the dollar amounts of cash deposits and the limits of FDIC insurance, it is impractical to insure all deposits. As a result, the Authority evaluates each financial institution with which it deposits funds and assesses the level of risk of each institution; only those institutions with an acceptable estimated risk level are used as deposits.

# Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 2007

### Note 3 - Deposits and Investments (Continued)

**Custodial Credit Risk of Investments** - Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Authority will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The Authority does not have a policy for custodial credit risk. At year end, the Authority does not have any investment securities which were uninsured and unregistered, with securities held by the counterparty or by its trust department or agent but not in the Authority's name.

Interest Rate Risk - Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of investments will decrease as a result of a rise in interest rates. The Authority's investment policy restricts investment maturities and, to the extent possible, the Authority will attempt to match investments with anticipated cash flow requirements. Unless matched to a specific cash flow requirement, the Authority will not directly invest in securities maturing more than 18 months from the date of purchase. At year end, the average maturities of investments are as follows:

Investment	Fair Value	Weighted Average Maturity
Commercial paper	\$1,126,324	1.09 months

**Credit Risk** - State law limits investments in commercial paper to the top two ratings issued by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations. The Authority has no investment policy that would further limit its investment choices. As of year end, the credit quality ratings of debt securities (other than the U.S. government) are as follows:

Investment	Fair Value	Rating	Rating Organization
Bank investment pools	\$ 314,738	Aaa	Moody's
Commercial paper	1,126,324	P-I	Moody's
Bank investment pool	652,696	AI, PI, FI	S&P, Moody's, Fitch
Not rated - Bank			•
investment pools	373,538	Not Rated	N/A

Concentration of Credit Risk - The Authority limits the amount that the Authority may invest in any one issuer and with any one institution. With the exception of U.S. Treasury securities and authorized investment pools, no more than 50 percent of the total investment portfolio will be invested in a single security type or 25 percent with a single financial institution. At June 30, 2007, the Authority had \$1,126,324 (31.6 percent) invested in General Electric commercial paper. At the time the commercial paper was purchased, commercial paper represented less than 25 percent of the investment portfolio.

# Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 2007

### **Note 4 - Capital Assets**

Capital asset activity of the Authority was as follows:

	I	Balance					ı	Balance
	July 1, 2006		Additions		Disposals		Jun	e 30, 2007
Capital assets not being depreciated -	\$	509,904	\$		¢		\$	509.904
Land Capital assets being depreciated -	Ф	307,70 <del>4</del>	Ф	-	\$	-	Ф	307,70 <del>4</del>
Equipment		75,498		-		-		75,498
Accumulated depreciation - Equipment		73,366		710				74,076
Net capital assets being depreciated		2,132		(710)				1,422
Net capital assets	\$	512,036	\$	(710)	\$		\$	511,326

#### **Note 5 - Transfers**

The transfers from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund represent the movement of resources to be used for future capital projects.

### Note 6 - Long-term Debt

The Authority issues revenue bonds to provide for the construction of major capital improvements. Revenue bonds involve a pledge of revenue derived from operations.

Long-term obligation activity can be summarized as follows:

	Amount of Issue	Maturing Through	Interest Rate	Principal Maturity Ranges	Begir	nning Balance	 Reductions*	En	ding Balance		ue Within One Year
Incinerator revenue bonds - Series VII	\$ 2,775,000	2007	4.375%- 4.75%	\$775,000- \$2,000,000	\$	2,000,000	\$ (2,000,000)	\$	-	\$	-
Monofill closure and postclosure care costs (Note 12)						3,559,026	(734,402)	_	2,824,624	_	161,500
Total					\$	5,559,026	\$ (2,734,402)	\$	2,824,624	\$	161,500

<sup>\*</sup> There were no additions to long-term debt during the fiscal year.

# Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 2007

#### **Note 7 - Restricted Assets**

Restricted assets represent cash and investments that have been segregated for specific purposes due to legal requirements. The restricted assets were composed of the following:

Cash and cash equivalents - Investments reserved for monofill perpetual care	\$ 373,538
Deposit with Michigan Department of Natual Resources for	
monofill watering care fund	 87,500
Total restricted assets	\$ 461,038

### **Note 8 - Risk Management**

The Authority is exposed to various risks of loss related to property loss, torts, errors and omission, and employee injuries (workers' compensation), as well as medical benefits provided to employees. The Authority has purchased commercial insurance for all of the above risks. Settled claims relating to the commercial insurance have not exceeded the amount of insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

#### **Note 9 - Defined Benefit Pension Plan**

Plan Description - As part of the privatization initiative, all employees were terminated on June 15, 1998. The Authority provided substantially all employees with retirement, disability, and death benefits by participating in the Michigan Municipal Employees' Retirement System, an agent multiple-employer defined benefit plan. The active employees on June 15, 1998 were offered the option of withdrawing their funds or remaining in the plan. The Authority is responsible for maintaining sufficient funds in the plan to cover the actuarially computed future benefits for the previous employees remaining in the plan. During the year ended June 30, 2003, the plan re-opened and the two employees of the Authority are now active participants. The Michigan Municipal Employees' Retirement System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplemental information. That report may be obtained by writing to the Michigan Municipal Employees' Retirement System at 1134 Municipal Way, Lansing, Michigan 48917.

**Annual Pension Cost** - For the year ended June 30, 2007, the Authority's required annual pension cost was \$17,112. The Authority contributed an additional \$72,888 during the year.

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### **Note 9 - Defined Benefit Pension Plan (Continued)**

The annual required contribution was determined as part of an actuarial valuation at December 31, 2005, using the entry age actuarial cost method. Significant actuarial assumptions used include (a) an 8 percent investment rate of return and (b) projected salary increases of 4.5 percent to 12.9 percent per year. The actuarial value of assets was determined using techniques that smooth the effects of short-term volatility over a four-year period. The unfunded actuarial liability is being amortized as a level percentage of payroll on a closed basis. The remaining amortization period is 29 years.

#### **Three-year Trend Information**

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30							
		2007		2006		2005		
Annual pension cost (APC) Percentage of APC contributed	\$	90,000 100%	\$	112,445 100%	\$	112,444 100%		
		Valuation	Yea	r Ended Ded	em	ber 31		
		2006		2005		2004		
Actuarial value of assets Actuarial accrued liability (AAL)	\$	3,392,854	\$	3,353,145	\$	3,238,040		
(entry age)		3,425,977		3,437,977		3,504,500		
Unfunded AAL (UAAL)		33,123		84,832		266,460		
Funded ratio		99%		98%		92%		

#### **Note 10 - Defined Contribution Pension Plan**

The Authority provides pension benefits to all of its employees through a defined contribution plan. In a defined contribution plan, benefits depend solely on amounts contributed to the plan plus investment earnings. As established by the Authority, the Authority contributes I percent of employees' gross earnings. There were no contributions to this plan during the year.

#### **Note II - Commitments**

The Authority has obtained a \$325,000 letter of credit to provide financial assurance to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for potential liability relative to the monofill. The Authority has submitted an \$87,500 cash bond to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. This bond will be retained by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources until 30 years past the time of closure of the monofill.

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### **Note II - Commitments (Continued)**

The Authority entered into a 20-year disposal contract with Waste Management of Michigan (WMM). Pursuant to the agreement, WMM is to accept waste from the constituent communities at the Woodland Meadows landfill for a fixed rate per ton, to increase annually beginning July 1, 2007. The increase on July 1, 2007 is 3.75 percent and 2 percent annually thereafter. The fixed rate as of June 30, 2007 is \$18.98 per ton plus related taxes, fees, and surcharges.

#### **Note 12 - Monofill Closure and Postclosure Care Cost**

State and federal laws and regulations required the Authority to place a final cover on its monofill when it stopped accepting waste and to perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions at the monofill for 30 years after closure. Although closure and postclosure care costs were paid near and after the date the monofill stopped accepting waste, the Authority has recorded a portion of these costs as a liability in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 18. The \$2,824,624 liability recorded at June 30, 2007 represents the Authority's portion of the estimated total liability for postclosure care costs. The amount recorded is based on estimated costs in current dollars to perform all postclosure care as of June 30, 2007. The change in this estimate is reported as an extraordinary item. Actual costs may differ due to inflation, changes in technology, or changes in regulations.

The Authority is required by state regulations to set aside a portion of disposal fees to finance postclosure maintenance. The amount is reported as a restricted asset and a liability (see Note 7).

### **Note 13 - Postemployment Benefits**

Health care insurance is provided for employees who have 25 or more years of service when they retire. The cost of this benefit is recognized as the insurance premiums become due. During 2007, 11 retired employees received this benefit for a cost to the Authority of approximately \$191,000. There is one former employee who is eligible for this benefit in the future when they retire from their subsequent employers. In addition, there are two former employees receiving long-term workers' compensation benefits. The cost to the Authority was approximately \$22,500 for the year ended June 30, 2007. The combined total for both retirees and disabled persons was approximately \$213,500.

# Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 2007

### **Note 13 - Postemployment Benefits (Continued)**

**Upcoming Reporting Changes** - The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has recently released Statement No. 45, *Accounting and Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*. The new pronouncement provides guidance for local units of government in recognizing the cost of retiree health care, as well as any "other" postemployment benefits (other than pensions). The new rules will cause the government-wide financial statements to recognize the cost of providing retiree health care coverage over the working life of the employee, rather than at the time the health care premiums are paid. The new pronouncement is effective for the year ending June 30, 2010.

### **Note 14 - Operating Leases**

The Authority entered into a lease agreement for its office during 2004 with an unrelated party under an operating lease that expires on November 15, 2007. Total lease expense for this operating lease was \$17,650 for the year ended June 30, 2007.

The future minimum rental commitment for the year ending June 30, 2008 totals \$7,426.

# Note 15 - Reconciliation of Governmental Fund Financial Statements to Government-wide Financial Statements

Total fund balance and the net change in fund balance of the Authority's funds differ from net assets and change in net assets of the governmental activities reported in the statement of net assets and statement of activities. This difference results primarily from the long-term economic focus of the statement of net assets and statement of activities versus the current financial resources focus of the fund balance sheet and statement of revenue, expenditures, and changes in fund balance. The following is a reconciliation of fund balance to net assets and the net change in fund balance to the net change in net assets:

\$ 3,781,701

Amounts reported in the statement of net assets are different

because:

Capital assets are not financial resources and are not reported in the funds

511,326

Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and are not reported in the funds - Monofill closure and postclosure costs

(2,824,624)

Net Assets - Full accrual method

\$ 1,468,403

# Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 2007

# Note 15 - Reconciliation of Governmental Fund Financial Statements to Government-wide Financial Statements (Continued)

Total Net Change in Fund Balances - Modified accrual basis	\$	(69,783)
Amounts reported in the statement of activities are different because Capital outlays are reported as expenditures in the statement of revenue, expenditures, and changes in fund balance; in the statement of activities, these costs are allocated over their	e:	(710)
estimated useful lives as depreciation		(710)
Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but not in the statement of activities (where it reduces long-term debt)		2,000,000
Reduction of monofill postclosure costs due to a change in the estimate is not recorded in the statement of revenue,		724 400
expenditures, and changes in fund balance		734,402
Change in Net Assets - Full accrual basis	\$	2,663,909

### Budgetary Comparison Schedule General Fund Year Ended June 30, 2007

		Original Budget		Amended Budget Actual		Actual	Variance with Amended Budget	
Revenue								
Disposal fees	\$	5,476,437	\$	5,476,437	\$	5,086,908	\$	(389,529)
Interest income		80,000		130,000		125,757		(4,243)
Other operations	_	1,000	_	17,300		16,907	_	(393)
Total revenue		5,557,437		5,623,737		5,229,572		(394,165)
Expenditures								
Operations		599,497		595,523		527,987		67,536
Monofill		240,115		138,934		121,455		17,479
Disposal costs:								
Solid waste		2,064,327		2,064,327		1,875,923		188,404
Compost		753,570		753,570		552,437		201,133
Debt service	_	2,095,450	_	2,095,450	_	2,095,975	_	(525)
Total expenditures		5,752,959		5,647,804	_	5,173,777		474,027
Excess of Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures		(195,522)		(24,067)		55,795		79,862
Other Financing Uses - Operating transfers								
out		(300,477)		(471,633)		(471,633)		
Net Change in Fund Balance		(495,999)		(495,700)		(415,838)		79,862
Fund Balance - Beginning of year		2,450,585		2,450,585	_	2,450,585		
Fund Balance - End of year	\$	1,954,586	\$	1,954,885	\$	2,034,747	\$	79,862

The Authority's budget was adopted on a fund basis. The budget comparison shown above for the General Fund is more detailed than required by the General Appropriations Act. Information on this schedule is presented for the purpose of additional analysis.

# **Other Supplemental Information**

# Schedule of Expenditures - Operations Budget and Actual General Fund Year Ended June 30, 2007

					Variance		
	Amended				Favorable		
	Budget			Actual	(Unfavorable)		
Operating expenses:							
Administrative salaries and wages	\$	107,933	\$	103,112	\$	4,821	
Social Security		8,257		7,888		369	
Hospitalization insurance		227,400		227,328		72	
Office supplies		4,000		3,196		804	
Office equipment and maintenance		1,920		1,910		10	
Postage		1,100		968		132	
Auditing and accounting		7,225		7,225		-	
Payroll accounting		1,700		1,535		165	
Legal fees		25,000		20,247		4,753	
Banking and financial		1,400		1,161		239	
Insurance - Workers' compensation		450		432		18	
Insurance - Other		26,900		26,845		55	
Membership dues		824		693		131	
Education and training		1,500		824		676	
Retirement contribution		90,983		90,000		983	
Building maintenance		1,030		726		304	
Alarm system		950		898		52	
Building rent		17,651		17,650		1	
Utilities		3,500		3,114		386	
Telephone		4,300		4,462		(162)	
Lot maintenance		10,000		6,375		3,625	
Miscellaneous		1,500		1,398		102	
Contingency		50,000	_			50,000	
Total operating expenses	\$	595,523	\$	527,987	\$	67,536	

### Budgetary Comparison Schedule Capital Projects Fund Year Ended June 30, 2007

				Variance with	
	Original Amended			Amended	
	Budget	Budget	Actual	Budget	
Revenue - Interest income	\$ 39,671	\$ 86,500	\$ 84,373	\$ (2,127)	
Expenditures					
Monofill improvements	200,000	200,000	83,577	116,423	
Recycling	97,400	103,400	105,535	(2,135)	
Other expenditures	25,000	25,000	20,839	4,161	
Total expenditures	322,400	328,400	209,951	118,449	
<b>Excess of Expenditures Over Revenue</b>	(282,729)	(241,900)	(125,578)	116,322	
Other Financing Sources - Operating					
transfers in	300,477	471,633	471,633		
Net Change in Fund Balance	17,748	229,733	346,055	116,322	
Fund Balance - Beginning of year	1,400,899	1,400,899	1,400,899		
Fund Balance - End of year	<u>\$ 1,418,647</u>	<u>\$ 1,630,632</u>	<u>\$ 1,746,954</u>	<u>\$ 116,322</u>	

The Authority's budget was adopted on a fund basis. The budget comparison shown above for the Capital Projects Fund is more detailed than required by the General Appropriations Act. Information on this schedule is presented for the purpose of additional analysis.





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August 13, 2007

To the Board of Directors Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority 3759 Commerce Court Wayne, MI 48184

#### Dear Board Members:

New auditing rules effective December 31, 2006 have resulted in some changes in the communications that we are required to provide following our audit. These rules require us to more formally communicate matters we note about your accounting procedures and internal controls. While we have always provided our observations in these areas as part of our audit, we are now required to tell you about more items than we may have in the past and to communicate them in writing.

The new auditing standards (Statement on Auditing Standards Number 112, referred to as SAS 112) require us to inform you about deficiencies we observe in your accounting procedures or internal controls that the new auditing standards define as a "significant deficiency." The new threshold for a "significant deficiency" is a low one - a significant deficiency is any flaw that creates more than a remote risk of errors in your financial statements that could matter to a user of the statements. Matters that may be immaterial to the financial statements still may be classified by the new auditing standards as a significant deficiency. For example, the requirements of SAS 112 go so far as to classify certain journal entries proposed by your auditor as a "significant deficiency."

We are also required to communicate these matters to more people. In the past, we have provided our comments and observations as part of a meeting or discussion at the end of our work directly to management. Under these new rules, we are obligated to communicate these matters in writing to all individuals involved in overseeing strategic direction and accountability for your operations, including the Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority Board, in addition to our communications with management. This communication is intended to comply with the requirements of the new auditing standards.

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Authority's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control.



Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified a certain deficiency in internal control that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control. We consider the following deficiency to be a significant deficiency in internal control:

**Segregation of Duties** - Segregation of duties is a key component to a sound internal control structure. Due to the size of the Authority, it is impractical to establish complete segregation of duties. A lack of segregation of duties increases the risk of misstatements. It is our understanding that the Authority has procedures in place to mitigate risk in certain areas, such as the executive director's review of bank reconciliations and the board's involvement with reviewing monthly reports. We commend the Authority for implementing these procedures and encourage continued involvement by the board.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of management, the board of directors, regulatory agencies, and others within the organization and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

Plante & Moran, PLLC

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